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Mr. Charles Ingersoll
Director of Planning & Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Subject:

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Chicago Metropolitan Area

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

We approve the amendments and accept the administrative modifications to the FY 2010-2015 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as submitted with your letter dated April 29, 2013.

We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment. Requests must be submitted according to our letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Transportation Planning Support for Obligation for Federal-Aid Highway Project Funds" dated December 29, 1995.

John M. Donovan

Sincerely

Metropolitan Planning Specialist

Enclosures

ecc: Ms. Karen Shoup, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT

Mr. Bruce Carmitchel, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT

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April 29, 2013

Mr. Glen Fulkerson Acting Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 3250 Executive Park Drive Springfield, Illinois 62703

Attention: John Donovan

Dear Mr. Fulkerson:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 is copies of highway amendments to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the CMAP Transportation Committee and the associated conformity determination. Administrative modifications to the TIP are provided for you information. The Transportation Committee of the MPO approved the TIP amendments and the associated conformity determination on April 26, 2013.

The Northeastern Illinois region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objectives into the transportation planning process. The TIP amendments, being transmitted by this letter, are in accordance with USDOT metropolitan regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that the TIP amendments are in conformance with the State Implementation Program. The changes resulting from these amendments have no effect on the emissions estimates made for the region's conformity determination

We consider the estimate of costs included in the Transportation Improvement Program to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIP, and the associated conformity determination. The total cost of the TIP remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to this area during the TIP time period. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in this TIP, and the associated conformity determination.

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate these amendments to the CMAP Transportation Committee 2010-2015 TIP, and the associated conformity determination.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bruce Carmitchel at 217-785-2994.

Sincerely.

Karen Shoup Bureau Chief

Attachment